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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2251

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TANZANIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON BURUNDI

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2177

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED BACKGROUND OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL. BISHOP OF KIGOMA WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PREPARING STATEMENT AND IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PUBLICIZING BURUNDI SITUATION. DELEGATION OF CLERGYMEN CALLED JUNE 21 ON PRESIDENT NYERERE WHO GAVE HIS BLESSINGS TO STATEMENT BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PUBLICLY ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH IT.

2. DELEGATION ALSO ASKED NYERERE IF IT COULD PUBLISH DETAILED EVIDENCE IN SWAHILI-LANGUAGE, TWICE-MONTHLY, CATHOLIC PAPER, KIONGOZI, DOCUMENTING REPRISALS AGAINST HUTU IN BURUNDI AND REFUGEE SITUATION IN TANZANIA. DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF ENTIRE MATTER, NYERERE REQUESTED THAT DELEGATION NOT PUBLISH EVIDENCE.

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EM COMMENT: THIS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT NYERERE'S
RELUCTANCE TO BECOME PUBLICLY ENMESHED IN BURUNDI SITUATION.
ALTHOUGH WILLING, ON ONE HAND, TO SANCTION CATHOLIC STATEMENT,
HE APPARENTLY SEES, ON OTHER HAND, LIMIT TO ROLE HE IS WILLING
TO PLAY AT THIS TIME.
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